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(Ireland.)

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# BILL

## For Confirmation of certain Marriages in Ireland.

WHEREAS Marriages have in divers instances been had and solemnized in Ireland by Protestant Dissenting Ministers or Teachers, between persons being, one a Member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and the other a Protestant Dissenter, and it is expedient to confirm such Marriages; BE it therefore Enacted, by The QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT all Marriages heretofore had and solemnized in Ireland by Protestant Dissenting Ministers or Teachers, between persons being, one a Member of the United Church of England and Ireland, and the other a Protestant Dissenter, shall be and shall be adjudged and taken to have been and to be of the same and no other force and effect, as if such Marriages had been had and solemnized by Clergymen of the said United Church of England and Ireland.

Preamble.

1. All Marriages heretofore solemnized by Protestant Dissenting Ministers between Members of the Established Church and Protestant Dissenters shall be valid.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to or affect any Marriage declared invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction before the passing of this Act, nor any Marriage where either of the parties shall, at any time afterwards during the life of the other party, have lawfully intermarried with any other person.

2. This Act not to render valid any Marriage declared invalid by any competent Jurisdiction.



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3. Nor to affect any thing done under the authority of any Court.

Provided further, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to or affect any act done before the passing of this Act, under the authority of any Court, or in the administration of any personal estate or effects, or the execution of any will or testament, or the performance of any trust.

4. This Act not to affect other Marriages than those celebrated by Dissenting Ministers between Members of the Established Church and Dissenters.

Provided further, and be it Enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall in anywise affect any Marriage had or solemnized in Ireland, except such as has been had or solemnized by and between such persons, and in such manner as is hereinbefore specified.

5. Act may be altered or repealed this Session.

And be it Enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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*(Prepared and brought in by Lord Eliot and Mr. Solicitor-General for Ireland.)*

*Ordered, by* The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
*24 February* 1842.



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